

CHARITON COURIER.

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KEYTESVILLE, - MISSOURI.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

REPRESENTATIVE.

The COURIER is authorized to announce

HON. J. N. GIPSON

as a candidate for Representative of Chariton County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

At a sale made by a farmer near Columbia last week, seed corn sold at \$2 a bushel, so says the Statesman.

ACCORDING to Prof. Hicks, one of the many weather wise-acres, the present month of January is to be stormy and cold, but as Dr. McAnally used to say, "We shall see what shall see."

THE Christmas dinner given the convicts in the Missouri penitentiary this year required 3,500 pounds of turkey and five barrels of cranberries for sauce-inger cakes and bread, 2,500 pounds, each; 50 bushels of potatoes, 300 gallons of coffee and 300 pounds of butter.

In the Gallatin Democrat a short time ago appeared an advertisement enumerating 51 diseases that osteopathy treats successfully, whereupon the St. Christian Advocate remarks: "If osteopathy really treats successfully all these ailments what is the need of dying at all?"

THE signs of the times indicate that eastern politicians, who have so long been at the helm and have controlled public affairs, are gradually being relegated to the rear. "Westward the course of empire hath taken its way," and the brainy men of the nation have gone along with it.

A BOY and girl, aged 8 and 10 years, respectively, children of Edwin Moran of Kansas City, in the absence of their parents undertook to kindle a fire in the stove with coal oil. An explosion resulted, setting fire to the room, which was extinguished by firemen before much damage was done. The children were not hurt.

WHETHER it is to the liking of President Roosevelt or not the McKinley cabinet is resigning one by one and giving place to new men. The latest resignation is that of Secretary of the Treasury Gage, in whose place Gov. Shaw of Iowa has been appointed. Shaw is a strong man and no doubt will prove satisfactory in the management of Uncle Sam's strong box.

THE Kansas City Star has recently discovered that Hon. David R. Francis is a Democratic presidential possibility for 1903; that he is exceedingly popular all over the South, and, in short, gives him a good name, which he richly deserves, but whether the 16 to 1 bimetalist Democrat will ever think as favorably of him as does the Star remains to be seen.

SMALLPOX, according to our exchanges, is looming up again in some parts of the country. There are said to be a number of cases at Monroe City. It would be well for boards of health to keep a sharp lookout for this pest, and order vaccination where there is danger of the spread of the disease. Heretofore smallpox in this country has been in a mild form, but there is no telling how soon it may assume a virulent type.

GEN. CHAFFEE, who is chief in command in the Philippines, has expressed about the same opinion of those people as was expressed by Hon. David DeArnone in his late speech in congress, and we may say every military officer in the Philippines is of about the same way of thinking as Gen. Chaffee. Only a different opinion is expressed by the Philippine commission, the members of which are drawing fat salaries, and as long as the salaries continue there will be no change in their views.

THE Iowa Teachers' association, which recently convened at Des Moines, recommends physical and moral training of teachers as well as mental accomplishments.

A FIRE in Sturgeon Saturday night destroyed four brick buildings, including the office of the Sturgeon Leader, post-office, harness shop, telephone office, photograph gallery, barber shop, real estate and Dr. McComas' office. Loss, \$15,000; insurance, \$4,000.

U. S. SENATOR SEWELL of New Jersey, who has been ill for some time past, died at his home, in Camden, New Jersey, last Friday. He was a native of Ireland, born in 1835 and came to the United States when 16 years old. He was a union soldier and rose from the rank of colonel to that of major-general and was twice elected to the senate.

In our judgment the professional lobbyist, who hangs around legislative assemblies to promote or retard legislation, is no more to blame than the legislator, who gives him audience and keeps an open hand to receive whatever he may choose to put in it, while the people who elect that kind of a man to legislate for them are as much deserving of censure as either one of them, and more so, if they elect him the second time.

THE new constitution of the M. E. church, adopted by their general conference in 1900, has been ratified by the various annual conferences by a three-fourths vote. By the law of the church, women now have the right to sit as delegates in the general conference and laymen's electoral meetings have the authority to vote on constitutional questions, and hereafter it will require only a two-thirds vote to amend the constitution instead of three-fourths as heretofore.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive" says Holy Writ, to which the Kansas City Star offers an amendment. In speaking of the charitable people of Kansas City, who gave so liberally to the poor during the holidays, the Star says: "It is certainly more blessed to be able to give than it is to be compelled to receive." We like the plain scripture declaration best, because it gives encouragement to those who are not able to give to make a sacrifice and be blessed thereby.

As to who would be the trust destroyer or trust promoter and defender depends largely upon whose ox is gored. Less than a year ago ex-Governor Hogg of Texas was bitterly opposed to trusts, and was in the employ of the state of Texas to assist in the prosecution of several brewing companies for alleged violation of the anti-trust law. Since then the gentleman has become a multi-millionaire through his holdings in the Beaumont oil fields, and is beginning to show his "hoggishness" by organizing a gigantic oil trust with a capital of \$20,000,000—at least, that is the report.

THE result of the Schley investigation, censuring that officer for his conduct at and just before the famous naval battle at Santiago, called forth a criticism from Gen. Miles, commander-in-chief of the American army, for which he has called down the wrath of President Roosevelt and the war department, and has had administered to him, by order of the president, at the hands of the secretary of war, the severest reprimand ever given to a military officer of like rank. It is said that several retired admirals have expressed the same opinion as that of Gen. Miles. Whether they will be reprimanded remains to be seen.

THE new battleship, Missouri, was launched at Newport News last Saturday. A goodly number of Missourians attended the ceremonies, among them Miss

THE Marconi system of wireless telegraphy is proving to be a success. Some gentlemen of Kansas City sent a dispatch Monday from the New York harbor 300 miles at sea to the Kansas City Star without the use of wires. Verily the "world do move."

Marion Cockrell, daughter of Senator F. M. Cockrell, who had been chosen to christen this namesake of her native state. Just before the vessel was lowered from the docks Miss Cockrell approached and did the christening in a few simple words: "I name thee Missouri," and then broke a bottle of wine against the steel hull. Several bands of music were present and played a number of national airs. Speeches were made by Secretary Hitchcock, Senator Cockrell and others.

THE unity of sentiment and good feeling manifested, by the country delegates in the recent Democratic meeting in St. Louis ought to teach our city brethren a lesson. Democratic rows are generally the outgrowth of a desire for personal supremacy a desire to be "boss," so to speak, a willingness to sink the general good of the country for self-exaltation. This sort of a spirit does not prevail in the country so extensively as in our cities, and for that reason the country Democrat rarely ever bolts his ticket. He may and does fail frequently in getting his choice in candidates—in fact, he may be beaten himself, but he straightens up and tries it again.

A RECENT ruling of the post-office at Washington is to the effect that subscriptions to any publication entered as second-class matter must be discontinued when the time for which it is paid in advance has expired, or the publisher will have to pay postage on delinquent subscriptions as on first-class matter. This ruling, if observed, will be pretty hard on that class of publications which care but little for their subscription and depend almost wholly upon their advertising patronage for support, but the publication that has real merit will not suffer by its observance. A strict conformity to the cash-in-advance system is best for meritorious papers. People will have them and will gladly pay for them in advance. The best and safest subscribers are those who pay in advance, and they are the ones who are the best judges of good papers and appreciate them most.

THE great 1903 exposition to be held in St. Louis commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Louisiana purchase when the territory now composing 14 states became a part and parcel of this "great and mighty nation," is much talked of and great preparations are being made to make it eclipse all former exhibitions of whatever kind, and for whatever purpose they were held. Of course a very large per cent of our people expect to be there, but what are we doing or expect to do right here in Chariton county, one of the richest in the domain purchased, to make the exhibit a success and show to the outside world what sort of folks we are and what we are capable of doing with our rich soil and varied products? While we have not gold and silver ore as some of our sisters, we have the facilities for producing or manufacturing those articles that will readily bring the coin of both metals. We can raise in large yields any of the fruits, vegetables, grain or stock peculiar to the north temperate zone. While the exhibits of the state generally will consist largely of rich mineral specimens, of which Chariton county people have none except coal, let us see to it that we present grain, stock and fruits that will show to outsiders what our county and people are good for.

THE talked of postal legislation, reducing letter postage to one cent, is not likely to materialize. Mr. Land, the lower house chairman of committee on post-offices and postroads, says one cent postage is out of the question, and would result in a deficit of \$35,000,000 annually in the postal revenues.

DURING the holiday season just passed the legal lights of the state held conventions. In Kansas City there was a meeting of the circuit judges, also of the prosecuting attorneys, while in St. Louis the probate judges congregated, all for the purpose of discussing the different phases of the laws we have and preparing suggestions for the attention of the next legislature in the way of repeals, amendments and perhaps new laws. The probate judges want amendments to laws concerning the administration of estates. They think the law ought to be so changed as to require administrators to make final settlement within one year from the granting of letters instead of two years as now. The circuit judges want conflicting laws found in the present statutes repealed and the laws governing divorce amended. The prosecuting attorneys want to the criminal laws amended. We think it a good move on the part of these officials to lend their assistance to the legislature in getting up a decent statute, something we have been needing for a long time, but something that will never be enacted by the average legislator. It used to be that the best legal talent of the state would design to serve the people in the capacity of law-makers, but, with few exceptions, that time has gone by. The time was when the lobbyist had no place with the Missouri legislature. How different now, when at every session of what ought to be a body of men like Caesar's wife, above suspicion, there are scandals and rumors of scandals and if half the reports are true our modern "solons" are bought and sold like sheep in the shambles. This is not the case, of course, with all of them. We still have members of the legislature that are good and true, but so few in number that they are powerless in the accomplishment of the good service they have a mind to do. There are others who are honest enough, but they have not the legislative skill to lead, and in many instances do not vote with that degree of intelligence a law-maker ought to possess.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Do you use perfumes? I mean choice perfumes like Rieger's from California.

RICHARDSON DRUG CO.

Go to A. F. Owen & Son's grain, flour and feed exchange, Keytesville, Mo., for baled hay.

From the number of marriages published in our exchanges of late, we reach the conclusion that Cupid has been unusually busy just preceding and during the holiday season of 1901. We hope this is not indicative of an excessively hard winter.

Sam Wren of five miles northwest of Keytesville has been pardoned out of the penitentiary by Gov. Dockery. It will be remembered that Wren was convicted at the last May term of the Chariton circuit court of the charge of stealing a horse belonging to Chas. W. Whittall from the hitchrack in Mendon the night of August 29, 1899. A numerous signed petition, asking for young Wren's pardon, was presented to the governor, and the pardon granted New Year's day. The young man's parents went down to the state capital and brought Sam back with them yesterday afternoon.

NOTICE!

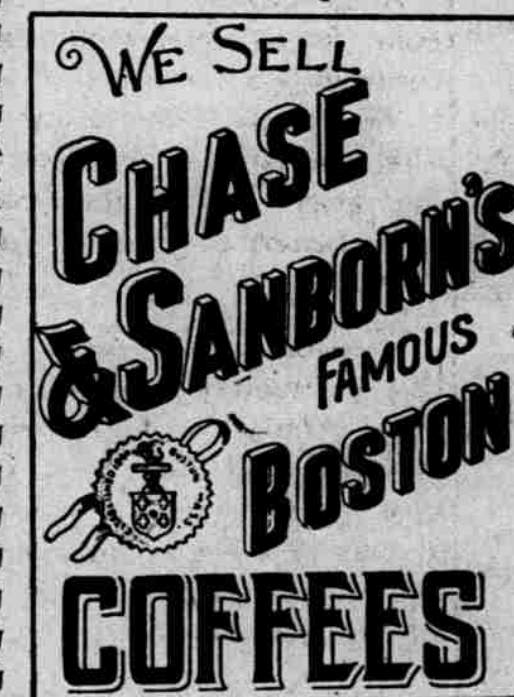
All persons knowing themselves indebted to me will please call and settle at once. Your accounts are ready for settlement. I must balance books the first of the year.

W. D. VAUGHAN.

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We want your trade and will treat you right to merit it. All kinds of Country Produce taken in exchange for Groceries. Give us a call.

Respectfully,

Thrash Bros.,
KEYTESVILLE, MO.

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Having purchased the Knappenberg Abstracts we have the only complete Abstracts of Title to all the land and Town Lots in the county. Will furnish reliable Abstracts Loan Money on undiminished real estate at a low rate of interest, buy and sell real estate, examine land titles, prepare conveyances and pay taxes for non-residents and others. Office at Court House.

An Expression of Gratitude.

MR. EDITOR:—In view of the very many acts of kindness and words of good cheer that have come to myself and family by our many friends during the year which has just closed, we think it meet that we should express our appreciation through your most excellent paper. We came to this, our present home, the 26th day of February, 1900, which our friend and brother, J. L. Mason, furnishes free of cost to us.

The Bethany congregation and their friends have more than met their obligations as to my salary, and they, with many other friends, have supplied almost all the needs of our family. We have not bought a sack of flour, only 20 pounds of bacon and 21 pounds of lard, and we have had a share of very many hogs and beeves, chickens, turkeys, milk, butter, fruits and good things in abundance, and, oh, the many kind encouraging words that sometimes make us feel good and sometimes kind of bad! We cannot mention all—you could not give me space.

But let me say a word for Christmas, as it has come and gone. Closing the opportunities of

the year, first came a friend with a splendid dining table and left it for my wife. Next came a young lady friend with a box of bonbons, wife to have first choice, and, just like her, she lifted out the one with a \$10 gold piece, and she can't bite it a little bit, yet she holds onto it with an iron grasp.

Then the last night of the blessed old year, came the old folks and the young folks and unloaded wife a \$25 sewing machine, and while I am writing she is making a memorandum of things for me to get for her to sew when I come to town. But I guess I'll trade that memorandum for an almanac.

The dear Lord bless you and everybody else.

J. L. ROUTT.

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